

## RAIL PRESIDENTS NAME AN EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

RUSSIANS LAND  
AT SALONIKI  
TO AID ALLIES

Strong Force of Czar's Troops  
Join French and English  
For Campaign in  
Macedonia.

BULGARIANS GAIN IN  
MOVE AGAINST KAVALA

Lose Ground on Their Center,  
However, Where Allies  
Press North Along  
Struma and Vardar.

International News Service:  
SALONIKI, Aug. 22.—A strong  
force of Russian troops was landed  
here today to fight with allies against  
the Austro-German and Bulgarian  
armies in Macedonia.

There was a great demonstration  
on the part of the French who  
marched through the streets singing  
the Marseillaise and the Russian  
hymn and shouting "Vive Russia!"  
It is expected that the Russians  
will be moved forward immediately  
to the battle front where violent fighting  
is in progress over a line 150  
miles wide.

There are now troops of eight na-  
tionalities aligned against each  
other in the Macedonian field of op-  
erations. On the Teutonic side are  
the Germans, the Austro-Hungarians  
and the Bulgarians. Opposing them  
is an army of more than 700,000 men  
comprising the British, French, Ser-  
bians, Italians and Russians.

Lose Ground in Center.  
While the Bulgarians have con-  
tinued to gain steadily in their drive  
on Kavala they have lost ground on  
their center where the allied forces  
are pressing northward along the  
Struma and Vardar valleys.

On their right wing the Teuton al-  
lies are exerting strong pressure  
against the entente forces in the dis-  
trict around Florina. In that sec-  
tion the Bulgarians advanced south-  
ward along the railway leading to-  
ward Saloniki from Monastir.

The reorganized Serbian army, un-  
der command of the Serbian crown  
prince, has been successful in driving  
the Bulgarians from French elements on the heights  
of Kilkurus.

On the center where the Anglo-  
French forces crossed the Demir-  
hisar-Dedekatch railway they are  
at grips with Bulgians in the Kapali  
mountains northeast of Seres.

EGIN OFFENSIVE.  
International News Service:  
SOFIA, (via Berlin wireless), Aug.  
22.—Official announcements of the  
occupation of Demirhisar in Greek  
Macedonia was made today by the  
Bulgarian war office.

The left wing of the Bulgarian  
forces has begun a general offensive.  
On their right wing the Bulgarian  
column which captured Florina has  
pushed forward 15 miles, occupying  
Ekechiseu.

In the Vardar valley, the statements  
says Anglo-French attacks lasting for  
10 days were all repulsed.

Official Statement.

The official communiqué, which is  
dated Aug. 18, follows:

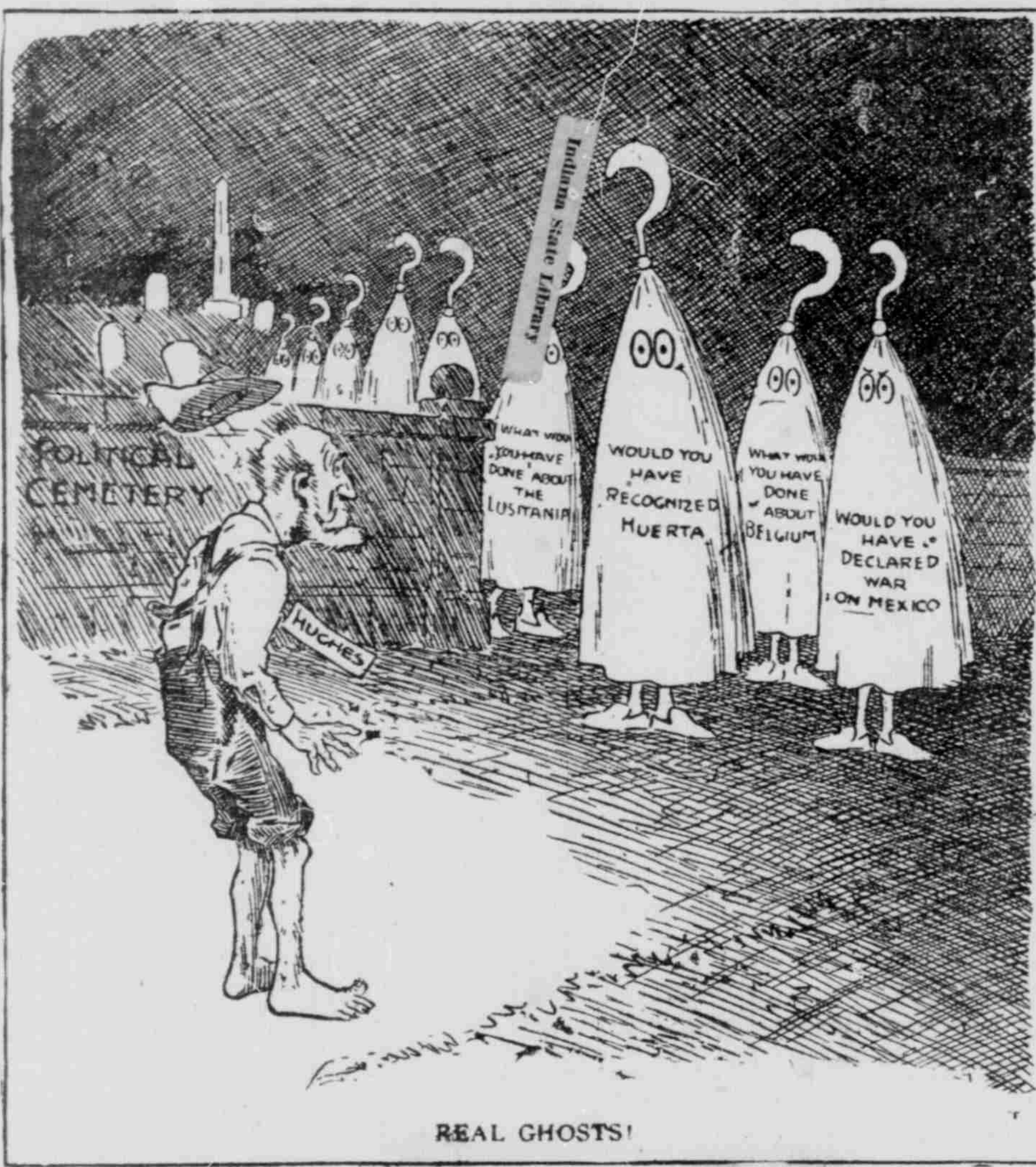
"On account of the activities of  
the entente forces in the Vardar  
valley, extending east of Struma and  
North Tachimo lake, our left wing  
began a general offensive on Aug. 18.  
The Bulgarian troops advanced in  
Struma valley and occupied Demir-  
hisar. After an entente near  
Serres we repulsed the Anglo-French  
forces on the right bank of the Stru-  
ma and occupied the left bank be-  
tween Bulkova and Tachimo lake.  
Following our plans detachments  
are advancing between the Struma  
and the Mesta. In the Vardar valley  
the English and French have been  
attacking our advanced positions for  
15 days without any success.

"Heavy losses were inflicted upon  
the entente troops south and west  
of Doiran by our artillery fire.

"Our right wing, after the vic-  
tory over the Serbians near Florina,  
successfully carried out our plan of  
action. Yesterday we occupied the  
railway stations at Baniza and Ek-  
chiseu on the Saloniki railway and  
re-established our railway communi-  
cation with Monastir.

"South of Presha lake we have  
occupied the villages of Brenizha  
and Zuesdabizha thus interrupting  
connections between Koritza (Al-  
bania) and Florina as well as  
between Koritza and Kastoria  
(Greece)."

RECLUSE IS KILLED.  
MUNCIE, Ind., Aug. 22.—Mrs.  
Grace Stegell, a recluse, unbending  
the whistle of a Big Four freight,  
was run down and instantly killed  
today.

GERMAN SHIP IS  
"BELIEVED" SUNK

British Admiralty Gives Out  
Vague Statement—Thiep-  
val Encircled.

International News Service:  
LONDON, Aug. 22.—A German  
battleship of the Nassau class was  
torpedoed by the British submarine  
E-23 on Saturday morning and is  
believed to have been sunk, the ad-  
miralty announced today.

The attack took place in the  
North Sea.

The admiralty statement follows:  
"The submarine E-23, which put  
in today from a North sea cruise,  
reports that on Saturday morning  
she made a successful torpedo at-  
tack upon a German battleship of  
the Nassau class. The commanding  
officer, Lieut. Commander Turner,  
reports that while the battleship  
was being escorted by five destroy-  
ers to her harbor in a damaged  
condition, he again attacked her  
with a second torpedo. Lieut. Com-  
mander Turner believes she sank."

International News Service:  
LONDON, Aug. 22.—British troops  
are gradually encircling Thiepval,  
the only German stronghold on the  
Somme front that has withstood the  
battering of the allies' offensive.

The official communication issued  
by the war office today announced  
progress for the British both to the  
northwest and southeast of Thiepval.

In the sector of Pozieres the  
British advanced on a half mile  
front to the outskirts of Moque-  
farm.

Dollar Day Bargains to be  
Given People Here Thursday

The event you've waited for has  
arrived.  
It's an event that doubles and  
triples the purchasing power of  
your money.

Bargains by the score will be of-  
fered Thursday. Every live mer-  
chant in town has caught the spirit  
of Dollar day value giving and each  
one of them is trying to outdo the  
other.

Shop around for Dollar day bar-  
gains. Look through this paper  
Wednesday for special offerings.  
Purchase on Dollar day and save  
money.  
Dollar day will be celebrated in  
South Bend Thursday, probably  
more generally than it has ever been  
celebrated locally before. Dozens  
of merchants have signified their in-  
tention of offering extraordinary  
dollar bargains Thursday, and a  
record business is anticipated. A

Salvation Army is  
Planning Outing  
For Poor Kids

The annual outing given by the  
Salvation Army for poor children  
and their mothers will be held at  
Michigan City Wednesday, Aug. 30.  
The picnicers will make the trip  
on the South Shore lines, leaving  
South Bend at 9 o'clock. A stop will  
be made in the west end of the city  
to take on families living in that  
district.

Mrs. Koontz, N. Olive st., Mrs.  
Granger, S. Lafayette st., Mrs. Ne-  
hemiah Brooks, S. St. Peter st., and  
Mrs. Wolfinger, S. Rush st., will be  
in charge of the north, south, east  
and west sides of the city respec-  
tively. Capt. Brooks of the Salva-  
tion Army has asked that anybody  
wishing to contribute food, such as  
sandwiches, fruit, cake or ice cream,  
call Bell phone 1392 or write to 214  
S. St. Peter st.

ALLEGED PURVEYOR  
OF DYNAMITE FREED

International News Service:  
WASHINGTON, Aug. 22.—Consul  
Gen. Rodgers in Mexico City this  
afternoon reported to the state de-  
partment that H. A. Dunn, an  
American employee of an electric  
light plant in Mexico City had been  
released by the authorities. Dunn  
had been held for several weeks on  
a charge of selling dynamite to  
Zapatistas.

## RECOVER 20 BODIES.

International News Service:  
LONDON, Aug. 22.—Twenty bodies  
have been recovered from the  
ruins of the Yorkshire ammunition  
plant which blew up yesterday. It  
was announced in commons this af-  
ternoon by Dr. Addison of the Min-  
istry of munitions.

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DENIES JAPAN HAS  
PURCHASED LAND

Third Secretary of Legation  
Attributes Reports of Ag-  
gression to Propagandists.

International News Service:  
WASHINGTON, Aug. 22.—"Ger-  
man propagandists inspired and  
spread reports of the acquisition  
through secret agents of land for a  
naval base on the Atlantic seaboard  
of Panama. Such statements are  
so utterly ridiculous that the Jap-  
anese government scarcely feels the  
necessity of stamping them as un-  
truths."

Nobutaro Kawashima, third sec-  
retary of the Japanese embassy, to-  
day issued this denial on behalf of  
his government, of the charges of  
Japanese aggression on the isthmus.  
When informed that the state de-  
partment's information concerning  
the "land deal" were of such a se-  
rious character that it had felt war-  
ranted in instituting a searching in-  
vestigation, Mr. Kawashima said  
that the Japanese government would  
welcome the most thorough inquiry  
into this and similar "manufactured"  
reports.

Want Facts Disclosed.  
The Japanese government will  
take no official recognition of the  
allegations, Mr. Kawashima said,  
unless the matter is brought formal-  
ly to its attention by the state de-  
partment. The embassy, the diplo-  
mat said, was eager that the true  
facts concerning the transaction  
might be developed.

"The state department is not de-  
ceived by malicious stories which  
emanated with surprising frequency  
since the war began, in an organized  
attempt to create anti-Japanese feel-  
ing in the United States," comment-  
ed Mr. Kawashima.

Seek Agent's Status.  
At the state department it was  
learned that inquiry may be made  
of the Japanese embassy as to the  
status of the silk importer at Ha-  
vana, Cuba, who is said to have en-  
gaged the "land deal" involving  
50,000 acres, with the aid of officials  
of the Panama government. The al-  
leged purchaser, although of Span-  
ish nationality, is said to be the  
financial agent of Japanese silk firms  
in Cuba.

Sec'y of State Lansing reiterated  
today that only "unofficial" reports  
thus far have reached this govern-  
ment concerning the transaction,  
but that they are being carefully  
investigated.

## KILLED BY BOLT.

International News Service:  
BRAZIL, Ind., Aug. 22.—The  
clothing of Edwin Fouke, 72, was  
stripped from his body last night  
when he was struck by lightning in  
an open field and instantly killed.  
A widow and seven children sur-  
vived.

BIRD MASQUE IS  
FEATURE TONIGHT  
AT CHAUTAUQUA

Naturalist's Talk in Afternoon  
to be Followed by Page-  
ant at Night—Climax  
Wednesday.

WEDNESDAY'S PROGRAM.  
Afternoon.  
3:00—Lecture, "The World We  
Live In," Dr. E. T. Hagerman.  
8:00—Song recital, Julia Claus-  
sen, Pierre Henrotte and Marcel  
Charlier.

Tonight is Bird Masque night, one  
of the most picturesque and artistic  
chautauqua entertainments on the  
circuit. Following Ernest Harold  
Baynes' talk on birds in the after-  
noon, it will be especially appre-  
ciated. The Bird Masque is not a  
pageant merely, but has a well de-  
fined plot and the scenic effects are  
said to be remarkable, especially the  
reproduction of dawn in the forest.  
There are six speaking parts in the  
play, all assigned to competent  
actors. Percival Vivian, formerly  
associated with the Ben Greet Play-  
ers, will take the part of Faun; Miss  
Katherine Brown will play the part  
of Oriole, and Mr. Baynes will im-  
personate Shy.

Wednesday Clausen Day.  
Tomorrow, the last day of the  
chautauqua, will be Clausen day,  
the musical climax of the entire  
program. Julia Clausen, contralto  
of the Chicago Grand Opera com-  
pany, who, during the past season  
surpassed her own former successes,  
will appear in recital. Julia Claus-  
sen came to America three years  
ago from her native land, Sweden,  
where she was educated in the lead-  
ing conservatories. Since coming  
to this country she has appeared as  
soloist with the Minneapolis Sym-  
phony orchestra, in both New York  
and Chicago, as well as with the  
Chicago Grand Opera company.

Mme. Clausen will be assisted by  
Pierre Henrotte, violinist and con-  
cert master of the Chicago Grand  
Opera company, and by Marcel  
Charlier, pianist, and conductor of  
the Chicago Grand Opera company.

Hagerman to Lecture.  
Tomorrow afternoon Dr. E. T.  
Hagerman will give a lecture on  
"The World We Live In." He has  
occupied the leading pulpit of his  
denomination in each of six cities,  
having gone from the First Metho-  
dist church, Des Moines, Ia., to the  
First church in Milwaukee, the  
largest Methodist church in the  
state of Wisconsin.

There will be no children's hour  
tomorrow.  
Joy night at the chautauqua proved  
indeed to be a night of joy to the  
audience.

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SEPARATION MOVE  
CREATES STORM

Catholic Women's League  
Meeting Rejects Plan to  
Leave Federation.

International News Service:  
NEW YORK, Aug. 22.—Stormy  
scenes were precipitated today in  
the meeting of the Catholic Women's  
league when a resolution was moved  
to separate the women's organiza-  
tion from the American Federation  
of Catholic societies. The motion  
which was made by the Rev. J. M.  
Corrigan of Philadelphia, was voted  
down and the meeting broke up in  
disorder, after the presiding officer,  
Miss Helen M. Haney, had turned  
the chair over to Francis Slattery of  
Boston. Only about half of the  
women voted, the recorded vote be-  
ing 58 against the motion and 16 in  
favor of it.

Mrs. Martha Moore Avery delivered  
a scathing attack against woman  
suffrage, saying:  
"If we should be unfortunate  
enough to have a woman suffrage  
party in Massachusetts I would or-  
ganize the Catholic women against  
the divorce evil which would be sure  
to follow."

Mrs. Avery also attacked social-  
ism, saying it was allied with athe-  
ism.

Bishop P. J. Muldoon of Rock-  
ford, Ill., who addressed the women  
upon their civic obligations, said:  
"Do not blame things on the  
Protestants. If you do not join in  
these movements for the public bet-  
terment you have no right to com-  
plain. The terrible threat of birth  
control needs all the corrective in-  
fluence of Catholic thought in form-  
ing community opinions."

The exact losses suffered by  
thousands of poor depositors were  
still unknown today, but officials  
say the total will be approximately  
\$200,000.

## NEWSPAPER SUSPENDED.

International News Service:  
AMSTERDAM, Aug. 22.—The  
Volks Zeitung of Leipzig has been  
suspended for publishing a series of  
articles entitled "The French So-  
cialist National Council."

Say Cartage Charge  
Is Cause of High  
Cost of Living

International News Service:  
WASHINGTON, Aug. 22.—A new  
investigation bearing on the indus-  
trial situation in the United States  
is about to be undertaken by the  
bureau of the census. The inquiry  
will be to determine the cost of car-  
riage in American cities and is in-  
vestigated by experts to be of the ut-  
most importance in its relation to the  
high cost of living and the wages of  
labor.

Comptroller of the Treasury War-  
wick has just handed down a de-  
cision authorizing the expense in-  
volved in making the inquiry and  
work will start as soon as Sec'y of  
Commerce Redfield gives formal au-  
thorization. This is expected im-  
mediately upon Mr. Redfield's re-  
turn from his vacation.

Experts of the census bureau be-  
lieve that the extreme retail prices  
of commodities in common use are  
due largely to the high cost of city  
cartage. The city delivery system  
is largely believed to be to blame  
for the high cost of living. The ex-  
perts estimate that a greater per-  
centage of the cost of goods is  
chargeable to city cartage than to  
railroad freight rates. The investi-  
gation will go thoroughly into all  
phases of the problem.

ADJOURNMENT  
MAY BE DELAYED

Ten Revolving Democrats Join  
Minority in Calling Up  
Immigration Bill.

International News Service:  
WASHINGTON, Aug. 22. The  
democratic insurgent movement  
against the administration legis-  
lative program was broken down  
today afternoon. The senate voted  
32 to 23 against sidetracking the  
emergency revenue bill to make  
way for the immigration bill  
containing the literacy test.

The vote was taken after it  
had been learned that President  
Wilson's committee on the immi-  
gration bill had been unable to  
bring it forward for consideration  
today.

International News Service:  
WASHINGTON, Aug. 22.—On the  
eve of adjournment, democratic  
leaders in the senate today faced the  
worst revolt of the session. Every  
political and legislative stratagem  
was put into play today by the ad-  
ministration to thwart the attempt  
to ditch the emergency revenue bill  
to make way for the immigration bill.

Leaders insisted today they had  
won back enough of the 10 insurgent  
democratic senators to insure suc-  
cess of the caucus program when  
the question is put to a vote this  
afternoon. As a result, the senate  
was forced to adjournment, and was  
showered upon recalcitrants in the  
efforts to quell the revolt.

If the 10 democratic senators who  
voted yesterday with the republi-  
cans to take up the immigration  
bill, vote the same way today there  
is no telling when congress will be  
able to adjourn. If enough of them  
heed the call back to the democratic  
standard, practically all chance of  
action on the immigration bill at  
this session will have been killed.

Pacific coast senators were still  
urging caution today on the pro-  
vision regarding Japanese immi-  
gration. Another executive session  
probably will be held to give free-  
rein to senators for discussion of  
this delicate subject.

FEDERAL GOVERNMENT  
TAKES HAND IN PROBE  
OF PRIVATE BANKS

International News Service:  
CHICAGO, Aug. 22.—Aroused by  
the latest private banking scandal  
in Chicago—the collapse of the Sil-  
ver institutions—the federal govern-  
ment today took a hand in the cam-  
paign.

"The federal government hereto-  
fore has not been drawn into an in-  
vestigation of private banks because  
that is primarily the duty of the  
state legislatures," said Dist. Atty.  
Clyne. "But in view of the large  
number of recent failures it is the  
duty of the government to inter-  
vene."

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EMPOWER EIGHT MEN  
TO REPRESENT ROADS  
IN ALL NEGOTIATIONS

Hold Sessions Tuesday To Discuss President  
Wilson's Demands But Announce They  
Have Come To No Agreement—  
Brotherhoods Issue Statement.

International News Service:

WASHINGTON, Aug. 22.—On the  
shoulders of eight of the biggest  
railroad executives in the country  
was today placed the responsibility  
for the consideration by the rail-  
roads of President Wilson's proposal to  
avert the threatened railway em-  
ployees strike. The big group of rail-  
road presidents delegated to a com-  
mittee the formulation of the state-  
ment of facts upon which they  
would consider the impending crisis.

The committee was given no author-  
ity to formulate a counter proposal  
to President Wilson or to definitely re-  
commend acceptance or rejection of  
the president's demands.

Headed by Hale Holden, president  
of the Chicago, Burlington and Quincy,  
the committee was named. It was  
announced, for "general con-  
sideration of the questions involv-  
ed."

The committee went to work at once,  
and while the executives generally  
threw overboard various mooted points,  
the eight men sought to weed out  
of the situation all irrelevant and un-  
important details. They proposed  
to confine the discussion of the sit-  
uation to the full membership of the  
committee, and to this end they  
endeavored to eliminate all col-  
lateral questions. The committee  
will lay before the railroad execu-  
tives a statement of the conditions  
which must be met.

The president's committee of eight  
reported to the full membership of  
presidents at 1 o'clock this after-  
noon, that it had been unable to  
come to any conclusion. The com-  
mittee arranged to have luncheon at  
the Metropolitan club at 2 o'clock  
and resume its sessions afterward.

Committee is Announced.  
In announcing the appointment of  
the committee, the railroad execu-  
tives issued the following statement:  
"Mr. Hale Holden, president of  
the Burlington, as spokesman for the  
railroad executives, who are confer-  
ring with President Wilson on the rail-  
way wage problem, announced this  
morning that a committee from the  
three score executives now in Wash-  
ington has been named for the gen-  
eral consideration of the questions  
involved.

"The members of the committee  
are: Hale Holden, C. B. and Q. rail-  
road; W. A. Harris, Pennsylvania  
railroad; Fairfax Harrison, Southern  
railroad; R. S. Lovett, Union Pacific  
railroad; E. P. Ripley, Atchafalpa,  
Topeka and Santa Fe railway; Al-  
fred H. Smith, New York Central  
railroad; Frank Trumbull, Ches-  
apeake and Ohio; Daniel Willard,  
Baltimore and Ohio.

"The committee is in continuous  
session considering the situation, but  
it is understood that no conclusions  
have yet been reached."

Hold Conferences.  
The members of the committee  
conferred with their respective groups  
of executives and sought to acquaint  
themselves with the various differ-  
ing conditions confronting the railroads  
in different parts of the country.

They proposed to maintain contin-  
uous conference with their colleagues  
until their work was completed.

Meantime hope for an early set-  
tlement of the situation today wan-  
ed. The railway presidents were  
plainly determined to give the mat-  
ter full and complete consideration.  
They proposed to thresh over every  
detail of the president's proposal and  
every possible effect of the plan on  
the railroad industry, before com-  
mitting themselves upon it. It was  
apparent that their course would  
consume time and it was expected  
that their reply hardly would be  
ready during the day.

Wilson Meets Cabinet.  
Recognizing the probability of de-  
lay, President Wilson turned his atten-  
tion temporarily to other matters.  
For the first time since the president  
took charge of the strike negotia-  
tions, he called his cabinet to the  
white house today for a routine  
meeting.

A new feature entered the situa-  
tion today when Chairman Hurley  
of the federal trade commission, ap-  
peared at the hotel where the rail-  
road executives have quarters. He  
bottled a dozen of the western  
railroad executives and held what  
appeared to be heated conferences  
with them in various parts of the  
lobby. He declared that he had no  
message from the president and that

his interest was purely personal. He  
expressed confidence that a settle-  
ment would be reached, but said that  
he was unable to say just what pos-  
ition the railway executives would  
take.

Desert Hotel for Club.  
Meantime the executives com-  
mittee deserted the headquarters hotel  
and took up consideration of the  
problem at the Metropolitan club,  
Washington's most exclusive social  
institution. The members of the  
committee said it was impossible to  
guess how long it would take them  
to formulate their report.

The railway brotherhood commit-  
teemen held a brief conference in the  
Bijou theater during the morn-  
ing and then recessed until 3 o'clock  
this afternoon. Previously they ac-  
cepted an invitation to visit the  
capitol at 2 o'clock as the guest of  
Vice President Marshall.

Brotherhoods' Statement.  
Officials of the four brotherhoods  
this afternoon made public a state-  
ment which paralleled the situation  
to the table of the Golden Goose.

The statement follows:  
"Don't kill the goose that lays the  
golden egg."

"Every day or so this old brood is  
laid to the railroad men, and  
reduced to a basic proposition, what  
does it mean?"

"We remember the old story of  
the chap who found out one morn-  
ing that his goose had laid a golden  
egg, being an avaricious fellow, he  
wanted all out of that goose he could  
get and he wanted it right away. So  
he beamed the goose and thereby  
closed down the works. The infer-  
ence is that he lived poorer, sadder  
and unhappier; the rest of his days  
and nights he spent in tears."

"Now, railroad employees who de-  
mand a work day that will give them  
some hope of expending their work-  
days and keep them a year or so  
longer away from the dead line and  
the broken line are admonished 'not  
to kill the goose.' The railroads in  
this instance, assuming to be the  
goose and, for illustration purposes  
we will let it go at that."

"Now, we are accused of making  
a raid on the 'grocery' and the boss-  
es are warning us not to kill off the  
goose, nor even disturb her that the  
goose is in a delicate way and that  
responsibilities for excessive wear and  
tear on the goose egg factors, may  
mean ill health for the goose and  
rather than upset the even trend of  
things, we better not insist upon an-  
other egg right now; that is, we  
must not kill the goose that lays the  
golden egg."

"This is old stuff; it used to be  
good stuff, but it is not good any  
more. We have been facing this  
goose until it has become some-  
thing; where it has not been  
squeezed too much, it is a healthy  
goose, so there is not much alarm  
over its general state of health. It is  
also a fat goose, and viewing all the  
phases of the situation, railroad men  
believe the admonition not to kill  
the goose means. Keep on feeding the  
goose an hour a day and let the  
goose gather the eggs, which may  
not hold to the high pressure aver-  
age if the goose is fed eight hours a  
day. For the sake of the health of  
the goose, the men will take a  
chance of dieting the invalid on  
eight hours high pressure feed. Any-  
how this goose business ought to be  
on a fifty-fifty basis so that one side  
of the house will not be all goose  
and the other all 'goosed.'"

MERCHANTS OF COTTON  
STATES DISCUSS WAYS  
TO HANDLE ACCOUNTS

MEMPHIS, Tenn., Aug. 22.—Sev-  
eral thousand persons are in Mem-  
phis to attend the third annual meet-  
ing of the Cotton States Merchants'  
association. They were welcomed to  
Tennessee by Gov. T. C. Rye, Con-  
gressman K. D. McKellar and Mayor  
T. C. Ashcroft of Memphis.

Principal subjects for discussion  
will be best ways for country mer-  
chants to handle accounts of plant-  
ers, improvement of farm labor trou-  
bles, elimination of the tenant, cut-  
ting up the big plantations into  
small farms for diversification, grow-  
ing more and better livestock.  
The meeting will last three days. De-  
legates are here from Arkansas, Ken-  
tucky, Alabama, Mississippi, North  
Texas and Louisiana.